

Trump threatens Iran's cultural sites

Targeting cultural sites with military action is considered a war crime under international law

IRAN'S KEY CULTURAL SITES

◆ Unesco World Heritage sites

● Other important sites

Golestan Palace, Tehran:

Seat of power for Qajar dynasty which ruled Iran from 1785 to 1925

Mausoleum of Ruhollah Khomeini, Tehran:

Shrine dedicated to founder of Islamic Republic

▲ Naghsh-e Jahan Square, Isfahan:

One of world's largest city squares, built in early 17th century and bordered by monumental buildings such as **Sheikh Lotfollah Mosque** (above). Outstanding example of Islamic architecture

◀ **Persepolis:** Sprawling ruins dating back to 518 BC. Site of capital of ancient Persian Achaemenid empire

Azadi (Freedom) Tower, ▶ Tehran: White marble arch built in 1971 to mark 2,500 years of Persian Empire. Iran's most famous modern monument

